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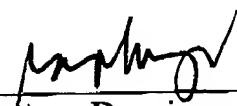
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2003

This paper is being submitted in response to an Office Action dated February 26, 2003 ("the Office Action"), issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due today, March 26, 2003. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending. The Office required restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Applicants' Elections

As required under 37 CFR 1.499, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-31 and 55.